[Secretary]

meeting held on the 30th January 1940, agreed without any amendments, to the following Bills which were passed by the Sri Mulam Assembly at its meeting held on the 26th January 1940 :—

1. The Travancore Rubber Control Bill.
2. The Travancore Bankers' Books Evidence Bill.
3. The Travancore Reformatory Schools Act (Amendment) Bill.
4. The Travancore Census Bill.

BILLS ASSENTED TO BY HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA.

SECRETARY: I beg to report that the following Bills received the assent of His Highness the Maharaja :—

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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE AGRICULTURISTS' RELIEF ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Sir, in view of the fact that the joint session of the Council and the Assembly is going to sit today for the purpose of considering the question of debt relief to the agriculturists, I do not propose to move the motion standing in my name.

The Assembly adjourned at 11-12 A. M.

JOINT SITTING OF THE SRI MULAM ASSEMBLY AND THE SRI CHITRA STATE COUNCIL.

A joint sitting of the Sri Mulam Assembly and the Sri Chitra State Council was held at 12 noon. The Dewan addressed the members of both the Houses as follows :—

Honourable members of the Legislature,

I have taken the liberty of requesting the attendance of the two Houses of the Legislature for the purpose of explaining certain matters to the honourable members and also of obtaining some assistance in the solution of what is indubitably a very important and intricate question. At the outset let me hasten to correct a misconception that seems to prevail. I was the recipient of some letters and I have also received some oral representations to the effect that this is regarded as an attempt on the part of the Government to shelve or postpone or hinder the enactment of legislation in the matter of debt relief. Let

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